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Bush leaves Peking post for CIA nomination quiz

Peking (AP)—George Bush, chief of the United States liaison office in China, left Peking yesterday to face Senate hearings in Washington on his nomination to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

Heading for the hearings on his appointment by President Ford, Mr. Bush said, "I have no apprehensions about confirmation. I have made no contingency plans."

Declining to discuss anything about the Central Intelligence Agency, Mr. Bush said, "I cannot assess the CIA controversy from China. I am confident I can answer any questions as honestly and as openly as I know how."

Aboard the plane, he studied briefing papers on the law that

created the agency.

"My experience in China and at the United Nations, both important foreign policy posts, will be helpful in my new job," he said.

Mr. Bush added, "We had a good year in China, good people, and a good staff. We will miss being there."

Mr. Bush's departure came two days after Mr. Ford ended a five-day visit to Peking.